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Accounts and Audit Panels to monitor Dasara expenditure

Deputy Commissioner and Dasara Special Officer D. Randeep

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&BCT)- Probably for the first time, the District Administration has constituted Accounts and Auditing Committees to monitor Dasara expenditure. The Committees will have powers and jurisdiction to oversee all the expenditure during the festival including crores of rupees spent by the 16 Dasara Sub-Committees.

In a press release, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who is also the Dasara Special Officer, has said that the money will be released by the High-Powered Dasara Committee to all the Sub-Committees and both the Accounts and Auditing Committees will monitor and micro-manage the expenses. As there is no post of a permanent Auditing Officer at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Zilla Panchayat Chief Auditor will be temporarily deputed as the Dasara Audit Officer till the festival concludes, the statement issued by the Deputy Commissioner said.

The Officer will examine the pending expenditure bills of 2016 and report to the Additional Deputy Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner.

The Audit Officer will also have the powers to monitor the money sanctioned to the sub-committees this year and will examine the budget proposals and seek accounts, bills and other details from the sub-committees, the DC's statement added.

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KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)	
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Saturday 19th August 2017

Why acquire qualification?

Pundits delivering discourses both before their usual audiences and while appearing on the small screen telecasting programmes with spiritual slant can be commonly heard referring to the oft-quoted line from the sacred text of *Bhagavadgita* stressing on the appropriate implication of the classification of human beings into four identities based on their vocation, ostensibly to earn a livelihood. The speakers further aver that portraying that classification as the *caste* system of present times is not only incorrect but also the root cause of all the damage done to society that is there for all to witness. Moreover, the act of placing the castes and the sections of society with respective affiliations in a hierarchy, being a historical fact, has to be blamed for the acrimony ruling the *inter-caste* relationships.

Two relevant points are to be noted namely, *a)* an ancient sage favouring recognition of a person for adorning top spot in the caste-based hierarchical classification of anybody based only on his knowledge of the cosmos (*Brahmaanda*) and *b)* the scholarly and acceptable verdict as it were that no person should wear the badge of a particular caste based only by virtue of birth in the family with the incorrectly claimed caste affiliation, not based on specific vocation.

At some undeterminable dateline in the annals of recorded human history spread over several centuries, not only the caste-calling connect ceased to persist but also both factors witnessed breaking into numbers limited only to one's knowledge about both. More importantly, the largely discriminatory identification of the members of society, particularly in this land, with its masses already divided on many well-marked points (ethnicity, languages, regions, social status and so on) has resulted in unedifying behaviour of people in public domain. Given the aforementioned features *[a)* multiplicity of castes as well as callings and *b)* man-made divisions hurting societal stability] one is prompted to call it a pipe dream if to think of returning to that four-some identification of people without wearing the badge of castes as it is in our times.

Lastly, the factor of caste deciding the two life-determining issues of *a)* jobs in the government and *b)* admission to livelihood-promising courses in colleges, irrespective of academic qualifications and proven competence, as provided by the land's law, sections of the nation's milieu are apt to ask, "Why acquire qualifications?" a question that is begging for an answer that stands scrutiny of the wise.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

'NO CASH' EXCUSE FOR FINE WON'T WORK: ***In India's technology city, Traffic Police personnel often rue that it is quite a task making traffic rule violators pay up their fines. These violators, mostly young people, come up with all kinds of excuses to avoid paying up. A common refrain among them is that they do not have cash on them — only credit/debit cards or digital wallets. The Bengaluru Traffic Police have figured a way around the issue. Starting Independence Day, they have equipped themselves with devices that can accept credit/debit cards and digital wallets from violators.*** *— In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

High-Tech crop guardian

Tokyo: Japan's fascination with robotics and all things high-tech is legendary, but did you know thy make robot scarecrows now? Well, Super Robot Wolf is meant to scare a lot more than crows, but still, Japan may be taking their love for technology a bit too far.

Farmers used to keep old fashioned scarecrows to keep the birds and other wild animals away from their crops. Now Japanese robot scarecrow with the coolest name 'Super Robot Wolf,' they say it can scare away any wild animal, from deer to bears, and it definitely looks terrifying enough to do it. Developed by Hokkaido Robotics Company Ohta Seiki, 'Super Robot Wolf' was recently borrowed by JA Kisarazu-shi, an agricultural cooperative association, did the effective test in keeping wild animals away from crops. The high-tech scarecrow is equipped with an infrared ray sensor that lets it detect animals as they approach. When they get to close, the robot activates. The eyes start glowing red and it is capable of playing approximately 40 different sounds in rotation, from wolf howling, to human voices and even gunshots, at high volume.

'Insect Burgers'

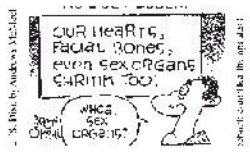
Bern: A Swiss supermarket chain announced it will soon start selling an unusual beef substitute — burger patties made from mealworms.

Grocery chain Coop announced seven of its locations in Switzerland will become the first stores to offer manufacturer Essento's Insect Burgers — as well as meatball-like Insect Balls — starting next Monday.

Both products contain ground-up mealworms as their source of protein. The bug burgers also contain rice, carrots various spices for flavour. They are projected to sell for about $9.25 for a pack of two patties, while packs of 10 meatballs are planned to sell for the same amount. "They have a high culinary potential, their production saves resources and their nutritional profile is high-quality," said Christian Bartsch, co-founder of Essento. Coop said it plans to expand its offerings of edible insect products by the end of the year.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much height do I lose as I get older?



From the age of 30, you will lose about a half-inch of height every 8 years. Most of your height will be caused by muscle loss, called "atrophy." Body fat usually increases steadily after age 30. Older people may gain 30% more body fat as they age.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

"Library Service Award" to UoM Faculty

Mysuru, Aug.19-Dr. N.S. Harinarayana, Associate Professor, Department of Studies in Library and Information Science, University of Mysore (UoM), was conferred "Library Service Award" in recognition of his contribution to Library and Information Profession at a ceremony held on Aug. 12 at Hanagal in Haveri District.

This award is given by Karnataka Government through Department of Public Libraries.

It may be mentioned that every year 12th August is celebrated as "Librarians Day" to mark the birthday of late Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Movement in India and Padma shree awardee.

Assembly Speaker K.B. Koliwad inaugurated the programme which was attended by MLAs, officers from Government Departments, library professionals and students.

Dr. Harinarayana is also the Executive Committee Member of MILAN (Mysore University Information and Library Science Alumni Network).

Entries invited for Rotary Datta Teacher's Award-2017

Mysuru, Aug.19 - Rotary Mysore has been celebrating Teacher's Day for the last 19 years by awarding eminent teachers of Mysuru city to commemorate Dr. S. Radhakrishnan's birthday.

Entries have been invited from Heads of institutions to nominate teachers for "Rotary Datta Teachers Award-2017" instituted by Rtn. K. Dinesh Babu and Ann Lakshmi Dinesh of Datta Jewellers. The nomination should include the bio-data, details of their achievements along with two recent passport size photos.

The last date for receiving nominations will be Aug. 28 (6 pm). Nominations may be sent to: Rotary Centre, #1/A, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, Mysuru- 570010 [Ph: 0821-4247823, 9448305562] or e-mail: rotarymysore1944@gmail.com, according to a press release from Rtn. K.R.Shanthamurthy, President, Rotary Mysore.

Really...?

- ***Garry Turner of the UK can stretch the skin of his stomach to an amazing length of 15.8 cm due to a rare, connective tissue disorder.***
- ***Twenty-year-old Francisco Domingo Joaquim from Angola has the widest mouth in the world. At full stretch, it measures 17 cm.***
- ***Kim Goodman from the USA has farthest eyeball pop in the world and can pop her eyeballs 12 mm beyond her eye socket.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Whither Hawkers' Zones?

Sir,

Apropos the news item "City Police evict roadside shops" (*SOM* dated Aug. 12), roadside shops on Sayyaji Rao Road being cleared by the MCC and the Police is a 'tamasha.' Why do the authorities wait until they receive complaints to act? Why are they not proactive?

These shops will reappear in just a couple of days again because it's not the first time they're clearing these shops. Vendors selling bananas near 'Chikkagadiyara' have almost blocked and seized one stretch of road and yet the Traffic Police is doing nothing over there. Vendors complain that they pay '*mamool*' to the cops everyday and a fixed rate of '*mamool*' every month for their existence.

Stretches of footpaths have been taken over by hawkers all over the city. Where are the planned Hawkers' Zones?

— Mubasher Mirza

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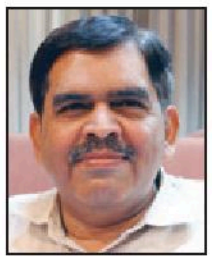
Interaction with National Co-Convenor of Swadeshi Jagaran Manch in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug.19- Manthana - Mysuru and Swadeshi Jagaran Manch - Mysuru have organised an interactive session with Prof. Ashwani Mahajan, National Co-Convenor of Swadeshi Jagaran Manch on the topic "Confronting various challenges posed by China" at Madhava Krupa, JLB road here tomorrow (Aug.20) at 10 am.



Prof. Ashwani Mahajan

Vishwaprasad Alva, Founder and MD, Skanray Technologies Pvt Ltd., Mysuru, will preside over the event.

Profile: Prof. Ashwani Mahajan, Associate Professor of Economics, Delhi University, is a well-known name in the field of Economics, as Author, Columnist, Speaker and Policy interventionist. He has been frequently delivering lectures at Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Parliament of India to Civil Servants, Parliamentarians and other services, Academic Staff College, etc. He is also a Visiting Professor at Pacific University, Udaipur and Mewar University.

He has been instrumental in getting changes in economic policies by virtue of his in-depth study of economic issues faced by the nation. His successful policy interventions include withdrawal of controversial ordinance on land acquisition, getting field trials of GM crops Policy revisited, FDI policy of the government especially retail trade, e-commerce etc. He has been guiding the government on matters of Public Policy and also Foreign Trade Policy. Mahajan is an economist of repute and his opinion is sought by different TV channels on current economic issues and is a known face as a commentator on economic issues. He frequently appears on different channels including DD News, Zee Business, DD Kisan, ABP News, CNBC, News X etc.

Step-climbing competition tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 19- The Chamundi Hill step-climbing competition organised by Ganeshostava Committee of Jana Jagarana Trust will be held on Aug. 20 between 6 am and 3 pm. Only those above 12 years can participate. Spot entries are also allowed. Prize distribution will be on Aug. 26 at 5 pm at the Madhava Krupa on JLB Road. Special puja to Lord Ganesha will be held on Aug. 27 at 9 pm. Prior to this, 108 couple will take part in Ganahoma for the well-being of our soldiers at 12.30 pm. For details call Mob:95357-27935 or 96864-89613.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Aug. 20) between 10 am and 5 pm: Nanjangud town, Nanjangud Industrial Area, Devirammanahalli, Panchayati, Deburu, Maralooru, Devarasanahalli GP limits.

Pratibha Puraskar

Krishna Mithra Mandali and Sri Krishna Trust has organised a programme at Sri Krishna Sabha Bhavan, Sri Krishnadhama, Aug. 20 at 10.30 am, to present 'Pratibha Puraskar' to Trimatasta Brahmin students who have secured high marks in the SSLC and PUC exam. T.S. Srikanta Sharma, Principal of Jnanodaya PU College, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2544004 or Mob: 94498-28448.

Vadhu-Vara Samavesha

Sri Vittala Rukmini Charitable Trust, in association with Lalaitha Naazare (Jeevan Gourav Awardee, ABBK Mahasabha) and N.R. Ramesh Naazare, Trustee of Vittala Rukmini Charitable Trust, has organised a 4th year Bhavasara Kshyatriya 'Vadhu-Vara Samavesha' at Sri Vittala Rukmini Convention Hall, Vijayanagar, on Aug. 20 between 11 am and 4 pm.

Keep an eye on rowdy-sheeters, DG&IGP tells Policemen

State top cop arrives in Mysuru on a three-day visit, holds review meeting

A section of Police officers. Picture right shows Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Rupak Kumar Dutta addressing Police officers in city yesterday as IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar looks on.

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&BCT)- Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Rupak Kumar Dutta arrived on a three-day visit to Mysuru yesterday and held a couple of meetings and interactions with the Southern Range Police personnel manning law and order and traffic.

He arrived with his family at around 11.30 am and was received at the DG Suite in front of the office of Superintendent of Police by IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar and City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and Superintendent of Police Ravi D. Channannavar.

At a meeting with Police officers at Hotel JP Fortune Palace near Government Guest House, the DG&IGP held a review meeting from 12.15 pm to 4.45 pm. The meeting focussed on law and order and crime prevention. Superintendents of Police, Dy.SPs, Additional SPs and Inspectors from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan attended the meeting.

In a pep talk to officers, Rupak Kumar Dutta asked them to deal with lawlessness with an iron hand and not to succumb to any pressures. He asked them to be sensitive when it comes to women and child issues and backward communities. Group clashes and communal clashes must be detected early and must be prevented at any cost, he advised.

Asking Policemen to be people-friendly, the State top cop said that their behaviour in public was under watch. Policemen must mingle with people as they are a good source of information. "Treat people with respect and in turn, they will trust you and help the Department in curbing crime," he said.

Asking his staff to implement the newly-formed Police Beat System and to ensure that the rule of law prevails, he said, maintaining law was the responsibility of each Police Constable and his higher officers. "Crimes like highway robbery, extortion, murder, robberies and rape must be curbed and those officers who deal with crime must be equipped to deal with tough situations," he said.

Talking tough on rowdy-sheeters and the role of Police in preventing their fiefdom, the DG&IGP said that while strict vigil has to be maintained on existing rowdy-sheeters, the Police must not allow new rowdy-sheeters.

"Every month, the concerned Commissioners and the Superintendent of Police must hold review meetings of the Police wings and take stock of the crime rate and spell out strategies to curb crime. They must use advanced technology to detect and establish crime and to gather evidence so that the criminal does not go scot-free," he opined.

Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Kumar Meena, Kodagu SP P. Rajendra Prasad, Hassan SP Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad, Mandya SP Radhika and other officers were present.

Man sentenced to life for killing woman

Mysuru, Aug.19- A city Court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment besides imposing Rs. 5,000 penalty on him for killing a woman who was said to be having an affair with him. Revanna, 45, is the one who has been sentenced. Devamma (35), a construction worker, is the deceased.

After deserting her husband, Devamma lived along with her daughter at a shed at Megalakoppalu near Koorgalli in Vijayanagar Police Station limits. The accused Revanna used to visit her house often. But Revanna suspecting Devamma's fidelity, entered into a heated argument and in a fit of rage, set her ablaze after pouring kerosene on her on Aug.12, 2013. Devamma, who sustained serious burn injuries, was admitted to a city hospital, where she breathed her last on Aug.25, 2013.

Vijayanagar Police who arrested Revanna, filed charge-sheet against him. The 4th Additional District and Sessions Court Judge N. Krishnaiah, who heard the case, held Revanna guilty of the charges and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Public Prosecutor H.M. Raghu Kumar argued on behalf of the Government.

Pregnant woman dies inside ambulance

Mysuru, Aug.19 (RK&DM)- A pregnant woman who was being brought to the city in an ambulance for delivery yesterday morning died en route to the hospital.

Bhagya

The deceased has been identified as Bhagya (24) of Haadya village in Nanjangud taluk.

Bhagya, who complained of labour pain, was taken to PHC at Hura where she was referred to a Mysuru hospital.

Bhagya was being brought in an ambulance to Cheluvamba Hospital in the city, when she died midway, it is learnt.

Burglar arrested: Jewellery recovered

Nanjangud, Aug.19- The Nanjangud Police have cracked a major theft that took place at a residence on Kayi Angadi Street in the town, with the arrest of a burglar.

The Police have recovered gold jewellery, a TV and other valuable articles allegedly stolen by him.

The arrested has been identified as Narasimha, a resident of Vokkalageri in the town. C.N. Rajesh, a resident of Kayi Angadi Street had gone on a pilgrimage to Vaishno Devi Temple recently, when the miscreant broke into his hose and allegedly decamped with 450 grams gold jewellery, a TV and Rs. 50,000 cash. Following a complaint by Rajesh, the Nanjangud Police registered a case and began investigation.

The Police, who found Narasimha moving about in a suspicious manner at Hullahalli Circle in the town on Aug.15, took him into custody. During interrogation, he confessed to have stolen jewellery and pledged it at a pawn brokers shop to buy an auto.

Following his confession, the Police recovered a TV, gold jewellery and the auto he had purchased, from the accused.

The nabbing and recovery operation was conducted by CPI Gopalakrishna and staff.

Two chain-snatchers held

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (SPN&DM)- The CCB Police, who arrested two chain-snatchers have recovered 33 grams of gold jewellery allegedly stolen by them.

The arrested have been identified as Faisal Ahmed alias Moosa, 26, a resident of Rahmathnagar in R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru and Mohammad Tausif, 23, a resident of Shantinagar in Mysuru.

Acting on a tip off, the Police took the two into custody when they were moving about in a suspicious manner near Cake Point Bakery on Eidgah Road, Mandi Mohalla, on Aug. 11.

During interrogation, the duo confessed to have snatched a chain from a woman in V.V. Puram Police Station limits and a chain from another woman in Saraswathipuram Police Station limits, following which two gold chains, totally weighing 33 grams, were recovered from them.

One of the accused, Faisal Ahmed, was an accused in a murder case registered in Udayagiri Police Station while the other accused was involved in a honey-trapping case registered in the same Police Station.

The two had come out on bail recently, it is learnt.

Three including two juveniles arrested for temple theft

Mysuru, Aug.19 (SPN&DM)- The CCB Police have cracked the theft of a temple in Falcon Tyres factory premises, with arrest of 3 persons, including 2 juveniles.

The Police have recovered jewellery worth Rs. 2.80 lakh from them. The arrested burglar has been identified as Tausif Pasha alias Jangli, 20, of Bannimantap.

Acting on a tip off, the CCB Police intercepted a passenger auto in which the three were travelling along with a bag on Aug. 10. The Police, who checked the bag, found silver articles and temple articles in the bag. During interrogation, the trio confessed to have burgled the temple in Falcon Tyres on KRS Road and had made good with silver and other valuable articles of the Temple, following which silver jewellery worth Rs. 2.80 lakh was recovered from them.

The Police also seized the passenger auto used by the trio to commit the crime.

Kodagu Congress leader caught on camera holding lady MLC's hand

Madikeri, Aug.19- A senior Congress leader in Kodagu T.P. Ramesh, who is also the Karnataka Silk Board Chairman, drew severe criticism after a video surfaced that showed him holding Madikeri MLC Shantheyanda Veena Achaiah's hand during the Independence Day function in Madikeri. Veena Achaiah is seen pushing his hand away in the video.

Speaking to reporters, Veena said that she was shocked and saddened that a fellow Congress leader misbehaved with her.

"We were discussing about a health camp organised at Dharmasthala a few days ago. He then took my hand and said that I had lost weight. I felt uncomfortable and immediately pushed his hand away. Then I think he noticed I was uncomfortable and both of us did not say anything to each other during the programme," MLC Veena said.

Stating that she had a telephonic conversation with Ramesh after the programme, Veena said that she has never been ill-treated or harassed by anyone in the party before. "This is the first time such an incident has occurred with me. I was taken aback. But once I reached home after the event, I received a call from Ramesh. He apologised to me and said that he considered me like his sister and never meant to make me feel uncomfortable," Veena added. Veena said that she would talk to the Congress High Command and decide on the future course of action. "I have not filed any complaint of harassment yet. Personally, I have never experienced any difficulty in performing tasks being a woman. The party has treated me with great respect. This incident is shocking," she added.

Responding to Veena's distress regarding the incident, Ramesh said that he had already apologised to her and would do so in public if she wished him to.

"We were talking about health issues. I have known MLC Veena for a long time and she is like my sister. It was not my intention to misbehave with her. I will apologise publicly if she wishes it," he added.

Three from State likely to be inducted into Union Cabinet

Bengaluru, Aug. 19 (KMS& DM)- Keeping in mind the Karnataka Assembly Polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to induct three new faces from the State into his Cabinet.

The Union Cabinet, which may see a reshuffle shortly, will make way for new faces. In the reshuffle, which is likely to happen by the end of this month, Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda is likely to be dropped. Gowda is to be given party responsibility in the State, it is learnt.

The reshuffle follows BJP National President Amit Shah's 3-day visit to the State recently. PM Modi with a view to lure Veerashaiva Lingayat voters may include Rajya Sabha MP Prabhakar Kore or Belagavi MP Suresh Angadi in his Cabinet.

The other likely faces are Nalin Kumar Kateel and B. Sriramalu.

While the State RSS leaders are backing Dakshina Kannada MP Kateel, State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa is keen to see Udupi - Chikkamagaluru MP Shoba Karandlaje as a Union Minister.

As for B. Sriramalu is concerned, the Ballari MP is said to have declined the offer, saying that he wants to contest the 2018 Assembly Polls.

JD(S) rebel MLAs not given any assurance on Congress ticket: KPCC President

Bengaluru, Aug.19 (KMS& DM)- Even as the seven JD(S) rebel MLAs have claimed that AICC Vice-President Rahul Gandhi has given nod for their entry to the Congress, KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara has said that the rebel JD(S) MLAs have not been assured of Congress ticket for the 2018 Assembly Polls.

Speaking to the press persons here yesterday, Dr. Parameshwara said that there was no confusion within the Congress over rebel JD(S) MLAs joining the party. Maintaining that the rebel JD(S) MLAs were joining the Congress without any pre-conditions, the KPCC Chief said that the party would decide on issuing Party tickets to those MLAs.

Stating that MLAs form other parties joining the Congress was not a new phenomenon, he reiterated that there was no opposition within the Congress over the admission of MLAs.

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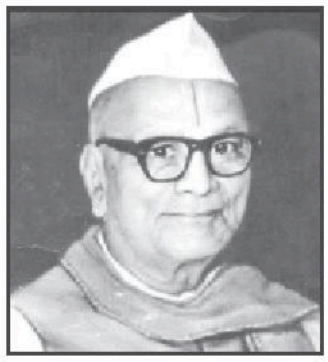

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Piyush Goyal invokes Sir MV's name to connect with Mysureans

Every citizen is a soldier in this country; will fight dumping of goods by China

Mysuru, Aug.19 (NNN)- Invoking the name of Engineer-Statesman Sir M. Visvesvaraya (MV), who was the first architect of modern India and strongly believed in skill India and a developed country, Union Minister of State for Energy, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines (with Independent Charge), Piyush Goyal, instantly connected with the intellectuals of the city.

He was addressing the intellectuals as part of his Party's (BJP) outreach programme in an interaction session at the VK Function Hall in Nazarabad here yesterday. He began his talk by saying, "I am a little jealous of all of you because you are living in such a pristine, clean city like Mysuru. I am 53 now and I wonder why I never came to this city before. But when I was 17, I had started a small scale unit and then I had thought about Visvesvaraya who brought India to the world map."

Recollecting that MV was also the Dewan of Mysore, he said, it was the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to see that India becomes a prosperous country by creating a new India by 2022. And, when India achieves this the credit must go only to Visvesvaraya, he added.

Asking everyone present to participate in this growth story in the next five years, he said the participation of the poor who must have a role to play in this nation building was more important.

Continuing his talk on Energy, he said that Pradhan Mantri's Ujwala scheme that aims to provide 50 million LPG connections to below poverty line people is very transformational. Now, no poor woman has to struggle with *choolah* (the stove using firewood to cook prevalent in most of the rural kitchens in the country to this day) that has already benefited 2.5 crore poor women. He lauded the efforts of many who have given up LPG subsidy to help the poor.

Dwelling at length on the Ujala LED bulbs and energy efficient fans marketed by Energy Efficient Service Limited (EESL, a joint venture company of PSUs of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India), he said that EESL which had a turnover of just Rs. 35 crore is doing a turnover of Rs. 1,400 crore in 2017 and aims to increase it to Rs. 5,000 crore in the coming years.

He said that this was an initiative of the Prime Minister as he had told him (Goyal) to do something about the LED bulbs being sold at more than Rs. 500 by giving Rs. 100 subsidy. "The previous government was selling a 7 watt bulb at a high cost whereas we are now selling a 9 watt bulb at Rs. 40, an 87 per reduction in cost but no compromise on quality as world class players like Philips, Crompton and Surya are manufacturing it."

Goyal said that just two days ago the Prime Minister was in a two-day interaction session with young CEOs and Start-Up entrepreneurs, some as young as 18 to 20 years, who were coming with taxi App and even an App on lingerie. "To make this country *'Sone ki chidiya,'* which our country was once upon a time we all have to meet the *'Sankalp se Siddhi,'* pledge. We need everyone's support to achieve this," he said.

Pledge to promote sanitary napkins

Piyush Goyal said that **Megha Kochar,** a college student who had built two toilets for a school, has been an inspiration and today Mysuru should be motivated by this girl to take a pledge to promote sanitary napkins.

He asked the audience whether the rich of the city could make a pledge to provide quality sanitary napkin to every girl child by getting it manufactured from small-scale women entrepreneurs. However, the response from the elite audience was lukewarm.

Interaction Session

A question and answer session followed. Goyal said that he had come to Mysuru not only to talk about the Centre's achievement in the last three years but also to learn and understand from the intellectuals of the city the way forward for the country.

There were about 15 questions from people in different professions including Chartered Accountants, oil man, former Head of Infosys, Mysuru, IOC dealers, educationists, builders and women entrepreneurs.

Goyal noted down each question and responded to them individually by calling out their names. A few of the questions were on the dominance of China and its dumping.

The Energy Minister pointed out that the government is very conscious of it and they were also monitoring the cyber attacks. "We must also recognise that even the Pentagon gets attacked," he said.

Goyal revealed about how a Chinese had come to his office when he was very busy and wanted to know whether he could bid for the electricity contracts. "I told him that anybody in the world is allowed to bid as it is an open bid and there is complete transparency in bidding process," he said and added, "As he was walking out, it suddenly struck me and I called him and asked him, 'Can we participate in the bidding process in your country?' His reply opened my eyes. He said, 'No, only the Chinese are allowed to bid'."

"I immediately called the Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Finance Minister Arun Jaitely and told them about the discriminatory practises of the Chinese. They both agreed to restrict the entry of multinationals not only from China but from any other country if they did not allow our industrialists and businessmen to participate in their country's bidding process," he said.

To a question about exemption of Income Tax to people serving in Defence, Goyal was very frank in admitting that though it was a good idea, it would not be very prudent to do it as the people in the Defence were entitled to various other benefits.

"Every citizen is a soldier in this country. We are all soldiers in one way or the other contributing to the building of the nation. The photographer here who is taking the picture is doing his job. The PC manufacturer who spoke about the problems he is facing because of the tough competition from the Chinese is contributing to the country under heavy odds. Even the journalist who is sitting in front of me is an honest journalist because by his writing he is bringing out facts to the people of the country," said Piyush Goyal.

To a question on introducing meditation in schools and colleges, he said that it is a very touchy subject as even the demand for singing of national anthem has been a subject that has created so much of controversy. These things should come from within, he pointed out.

Later, everyone present took a pledge on *Sakalp se Siddhi.*

City girl wins Minister's heart

ON A SWACHH BHARAT MISSION: ***Megha Kochar being felicitated by Piyush Goyal in city yesterday as City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, former MUDA Chairman L. Nagendra and H.V. Rajeev, who is spearheading*** *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* ***under his Rajeev Sneha Balaga, look on.***

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (NNN)- The moment Union Minister Piyush Goyal came to know that a city girl had built two toilets for girls in a school in the outskirts of city, he sought her out and felicitated her at the interaction session here yesterday.

Singling out **Megha Kochar** for her contribution to *Swachh Bharat Mission,* he said that she was an inspiration to millions of youngsters in the country. "I will personally bring the achievement of Megha to the notice of the Prime Minister. Her contribution of her first earning to build two toilets in a school (AC Convent) near Mysuru is indeed very inspiring and laudable," he said after felicitating Megha.

Later, Goyal on the way to the airport visited the AC Convent, in Makanahundi village near Mandakalli Airport and spent a few minutes in the school.

Speaking to *SOM,* Megha, a resident of Ittigegud, said, "I was inspired by the call of PM Narendra Modi for *Swachh Bharat*. I am a certified Mutual Fund Advisor. I am a B.Com graduate. My father had identified the AC Convent for my initiative. I found out that girls were dropping out of the Convent due to poor toilet facilities. I decided to build two toilets from my yearly earnings. I built it on October 2 last year. The school authorities told me that because of this, they had extended the classes from fourth standard. Now, they had classes from fifth standard to seventh standard."

Her father Kishore Kumar owns an automobile spare parts shop on Chamaraja Double Road in city.

A section of audience at the interaction held at VK Function Hall in Nazarbad yesterday.

Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd. gets new Managing Director

Chandrashekar Doddamani (centre) yesterday took charge as the new Managing Director (MD) of Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd. (MPVL), Bannimantap, which manufactures and supplies indelible ink to the Election Commission. Doddamani, who served as the Joint Director in the Department of Tourism, succeeds Siddalingappa B. Pujari. The new MD is seen being greeted by MPVL Chairman H.A. Venkatesh and Chief Manager C. Harakumar.

Day-long tour by KSTDC

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), in association with Karnataka Transport Department, will organise a day-long tour to Somanathapura, Shivanasamudra, Talakadu, Mudukutore, Bylakuppe, Nisargadhama, Abbey Falls, Dubare, Madikeri, Mysuru city and Srirangapatna. Senior citizens can avail 20% discount. [Ph: 0821-2423652]

Annual General Body Meetings

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Ursu Youvajana Vedike will hold its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at Ursu Mandali Sangha premises, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Community Hall, Thyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, on Aug. 20 at 1.30 pm. Vedike President Aravinda Raje Urs (Ajit) will preside. Earlier in the day, the Vedike has also organised Sports Contests for its members at Ursu Boarding School premises at 10 am.

Agasthya Credit Co-operative Society will hold its 22nd AGM at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, on Aug. 20 at 10 am. Society President S. Ramakrishna will preside.

Karnataka State Dasa Banajigara Sangha, Chamundipuram, will hold its AGM at Nandi Bhavan, beside LIC Office, Nanjangud Road, Chamarajanagar town, on Aug. 20 at 11 am. Society President K. Rangashetty will preside.

Sri Kanaka Multi-purpose Co-operative Society will hold its AGM at its premises in Giridarshini Layout on Sept. 3 at 10.30 am.

Six blind girls to perform at Articulate Festival tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug.19- Articulate Festival, coordinated by Mysore B. Nagaraj, is conducted on 3rd Sunday of every month, at the Premier Convention Hall in Jayalakshmipuram. Accomplished Indian classical dancers both from India and abroad take part in this festival. On Sunday, 20th August, in its 15th series, artistes are scheduled to perform in Odissi, Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam starting at 6 pm. Two highlights of the evening are a duet performance of Bharathanatyam and Kuchipudi by R.Priyanka and Kavya Dileep; six blind girls trained by Articulate Ability performs Bharatanatyam. Gairika Mathur from UK will showcase Odissi. Entry is free.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

CLARIFICATION

on Tax payment, filing of GSTR-3B Return & Transitional Credit for July, 2017

A **Registered persons planning not to avail transitional credit for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 or new registrants who do not have any transitional credit to avail, need to follow the steps as detailed below:-**

I. Calculate the tax payable as per the following formula:

Tax payable = (Output tax liability + Tax payable under reverse charge) – input tax credit availed for the month of July, 2017

II. Tax payable as per (I) above to be deposited on or before 20.08.2017 which will get credited to the electronic cash ledger.

III. File the return in FORM GSTR-3B on or before 20.08.2017 after discharging the tax liability by debiting the electronic credit or cash ledger.

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I. Calculate the tax payable as per the following formula:

Tax payable = (Output tax liability + Tax payable under reverse charge) – (transitional credit + input tax credit availed for the month of July, 2017)

II. Tax payable as per (I) above to be deposited on or before 20.08.2017 which will get credited to the electronic cash ledger.

III. File FORM GST TRAN-I (which will be available on the Common Portal from 21.08.2017) before filing the return in FORM GSTR-3B.

IV. In case the tax payable as per the return in FORM GSTR-3B is greater than the cash amount deposited as per (II) above, deposit the balance in cash along with interest @18% calculated from 21.08.2017 till the date of such deposit. This amount will also get credited to the electronic cash ledger.

V. File the return in FORM GSTR-3B on or before 28.08.2017 after discharging the tax liability by debiting the electronic credit or cash ledger.

Please note

1. FORM GSTR - 3B once filed cannot be revised.
2. Transitional credit shall be available on filing of FORM GST TRAN - I only. Since, last date of filing FORM GST TRAN -I is 30.09.2017, transitional credit can be availed in subsequent months also.
3. Deemed credit would be available only after filing FORM GST TRAN -II, which can be filed only after making payment of tax against the supply for which deemed credit is to be availed. Therefore, credit through FORM GST TRAN -II will be available on tax periods subsequent to the tax period in which payment for such supply has been made.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Dasara Dreams & Depredations

Dasara is here. The city will cover itself with light and gaiety in the celebration of this festival from Sept. 21 to Sept. 30. Lakhs of people will converge on this city testing its infrastructure and ability to feed as many mouths with Dasara special delicacies.

Personally I feel that of the over 40 Dasara processions I had witnessed, this is the first time I find the city not only getting spruced up much in advance but also with an infrastructure not seen in the past. This year we have better roads, many of them concrete roads including the 'Raja Marga' which terminates at Bannimantap where the *Jumboo Savari* culminates.

The Bannimantap Ground too has undergone a sea change with its additional facilities and galleries with overhead covers. Likewise, all important tourist destinations in city and the most happening place for Dasara the Amba Vilas Palace and its forecourt are being done-up with vision and imagination. I guess the credit should go to our Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and his most trusted Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who is also from Mysuru district.

Surprisingly, the Dasara Exhibition, which lasts for more than two months after Dasara, always used to land in controversies. The main complaint was that after the inaugural day many of the stalls would be seen vacant thus taking away the attraction it would have on tourists and visitors. Only when all the stalls, both commercial and Government Department stalls, are full the exhibition ground would come to life and look attractive. Happily this year the ever alert and a go-getter Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has pulled up his officers and Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) to ensure the past did not cast its unseemly shadow over the exhibition shops and stalls and other tourist attractions, common every year.

The Deputy Commissioner seems to have learnt his lessons from his predecessors in office who had problems in ensuring that the funds allocated for Dasara did not get siphoned-off into private pockets thus bringing down the quality of events. With much forethought Randeep has created an **Audit Body** to plug the holes in the system which in the past led to embezzlement of funds.

Siddharamaiah

Dr. Mahadevappa

D. Randeep

T.P. Issar

He has centralised the Dasara fund appropriation with an Accounts and Audit Committee, both as separate entities, to regulate and monitor Dasara expenditure, to bring transparency and accountability. As a result if somebody asks under RTI, information relating to utilisation of Dasara funds under different heads, the same would be provided without delay and a shadow of doubt. In short, for once the Deputy Commissioner is trying to bring-in transparency in the Dasara accounts. It is hoped this would be a precedent to be followed in the matter of Dasara expense in future.

Incidentally, it should be mentioned, based on what I have heard in the past, that the folk dancers or artistes who participate in the Dasara cultural activities are often given a short-shrift in the matter of their travelling and accommodation and further they were short-changed when it came to the payment of their remuneration, even when it is paid by cheque.

This happens mostly when the artistes use influence to get a chance to perform. The cheque is given say for Rs. One lakh. The corrupt official or the politician-chairman of the Sub-Committee, who decides on the amount will take his cut from the artiste. If the cut does not come at the time of negotiation, the artiste will be denied the opportunity or the payment will be delayed for one reason or the other. I hope the Deputy Commissioner puts in place some kind of monitoring to end this kind of kick-back.

There is also what is considered a major source of illegitimate money for those non-official members of various Dasara Sub-Committees. One of the important Committees of this kind is the Yuva Dasara Sub-Committee. This is on the same lines as I mentioned above. Therefore, the Deputy Commissioner as the Special Officer for Dasara should pay special attention to all matters connected with the conduct of Yuva Dasara.

As for security, I know Police have their standard drill and protocol. However, the cat burglars, hardcore thieves and house-breakers would be concentrating not on the Dasara procession and the Dasara Exhibition Grounds or at the locations of cultural events. They will be concentrating on the residential layouts where families lock the houses and go to watch various events connected with Dasara both during day time and in the evening. Which is why, every year newspapers carry news about house thefts during Dasara festivities. The Police may do well to deploy sufficient number of beat Police 24x7 for 10-15 days of busy Dasara festivities in all residential layouts.

While, thus musing about this year's Dasara, I cannot but remember T.P. Issar, IAS, who retired as a Chief Secretary of Karanataka. He must be remembered because it was he for the first time told us about the unique heritage of Mysore city. He was a campaigner for preserving the heritage of our city, a heritage of culture. He through his book titled ***'The Royal City – A celebration of architectural heritage and city-aesthetics of Mysore'*** contributed to create an awareness of the value of the heritage, specially among those who vandalised these heritage structures as we could see it happening in our city without anyone raising their little finger in protest.

If only the State Government, the District Authorities and the Mysuru City Corporation **could stop the vandals** from indulging in their evil designs of disfiguring the heritage buildings or even demolishing them for profit or encroaching upon its land, no matter such heritage buildings are owned by the State or the private citizens, this city's heritage could be saved for the posterity.

Here I must mention about the heritage building of 'Karnataka Armed Reserve Police (KARP) and Mounted Police Headquarters' on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road with two statues at the entrance from the road *(see picture)* one of a postman and another of a KARP guard. Some years back some miscreants had vandalised these two statues and despite *Star of Mysore* publishing the report with a request to the authorities concerned to restore those iconic statues, which stood like sentinels for many decades, nothing was done.

Finally, I brought it to the notice of M. Lakshman, the convenor of an NGO known as Association of Concerned and Informed Citizens of Mysore (ACICM). He immediately got it restored at his own cost. If visitors see these two statues of heritage value today, thanks to Lakshman.

I wish those who had special interest and concern for protecting and preserving hundreds of heritage buildings and Palaces in our city, pursued their passion more aggressively and preserved the Royal City with all its past glory to keep it as a city of great tourist attraction that it is today.

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 19th August 2017

Car War...

Mysuru is slowly but steadily becoming an auto-cross hotspot. Being home to renowned rallyists including Lohitt Urs, Palguna Urs, Abdul Wahid and N. Prasad, the city has been making its own name in the Indian Racing Circuit. Recently, Automotive Sports Club of Mysuru had organised **Mysore Gravel Fest - 2017** that attracted over 70 participants from all over the country. This **Weekend Star Supplement** gives a racy picture of the car war which was a big hit among city autocross enthusiasts.

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Autocross enthusiasts go gaga over...

Mysore Gravel Fest

It is a known fact that motor-sports did not have a good beginning in our country as it took many years for cars to just to make an appearance. It was only Kings and the rich who could afford cars while it was a dream for a common man to own one.

It was during 1970s that motor-sports was introduced in India during which the Western India Automobile Association (WIAA) in Mumbai conducted the 7,000 km All India Highway Motor Rally based on Monte Carlo Rally. It was to be completed in a week's time and formed part of the silver jubilee celebrations of India's independence. Subsequently, mortor-sport gained popularity in the country and many took to racing.

Mysuru, which has been catching up with the latest trends in autocross activities, along with Bengaluru and Coimbatore, has been the epicentre of motor-sport-related activities. The city is home to national champions like Abdul Wahid, Lohitt Urs, Palguna Urs, N. Prasad and has a potential to bring out more such talents.

Over a period of time, motor-sports have reduced in our city despite having many enthusiasts who wish to make a name for themselves in the autocross circuit. In an effort to revive this ageless sport, several like-minded individuals, with keen interest and experience in motor racing, have come together to form Automotive Sports Club of Mysuru (ASCOM)

ASCOM, in an effort to put the city in the racing the map, had organised Mysore Gravel Fest 2017 Sunday last at the ground located near the Lalitha Mahal Palace Helipad.

The event was flagged off with 1,110 cc cars starting the line-up. The entire track was barricaded to prevent spectators from entering the racing the area. Participants, who had come from all over the country, were overwhelmed to see ace drivers Rahul Kantharaj, Dhruva, Suhem Kabir taking part.

Mysore Gravel Fest is one of most successful and well-organised autocross in Indian Federation of Motor-sport. The event has received appreciation from participants as well many motor-sport enthusiasts. Mysuru's own rallyist Lohitt Urs gave a demo of the newly-released Jeep Compas and Subaru Impressa to the crowd.

The ASCOM had announced Rs. 1 lakh cash prize along with a 4-ft trophy for the first time in the history of Karnataka motor-sport which was won by Kongetira Bopaiah of Kodagu.

The winners in each category received silver plate as a memento along with a certificate and cash prize of Rs. 10,000, Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,000 respectively. Veteran drivers from the motor-sport federation Asgar Ali/ Yathiraj Bhagvan, Dilip, Vishwanath, Somendar Singh, Srikanth, Jangir graced the occasion.

Kongetira Bopaiah of Kodagu lifted the Fastest Driver Trophy clocking 2.05.317 sec in unrestricted category.

Ravikiran Gowda, Chethan Shivaram, Syed Salman Ahmed, who were placed first, second and third in Upto 1400 CC classification are seen with their trophies.

SCROLL OF HONOUR...

SL	DRIVER'S NAME	VEHICLE	CITY	TIMING
OVER 1100 CC UPTO 1,400 CC CLASSIFICATION				
1	Ravikiran Gowda	Maruti Esteem	Mysuru	00:02:17.134
2	Chethan Shivaram	Maruti Esteem	Bengaluru	00:02:17.184
3	Syed Salman Ahmed	Maruti Esteem	Mysore	00:02:17.810
OVER 1,400 CC UP TO 1,650 CC				
1	C. Druva	Honda City	Bengaluru	00:02:08.121
2	K.M. Bopaiah	VW Polo	Kodagu	00:02:09.706
3	Syed Salman Ahmed	VW Polo	Mysuru	00:02:11.180
SUV OPEN CLASS CLASSIFICATION				
1	Suhem Kabeer	Toyota Prado	Kodagu	00:02:14.222
2	I.B. Nanaiah	Izuzu V-Cross	Kodagu	00:02:17.436
3	Gagan Karumbiah	Maruti Gypsy	Kodagu	00:02:19.950
UNRESTRICTED CLASS CLASSIFICATION				
1	K.M. Bopaiah	VW Polo	Kodagu	00:02:05.499
2	Syed Salman Ahmed	VW Polo	Mysuru	00:02:08.248
3	C. Druva	Honda City	Bengaluru	00:02:08.475
LADIES OPEN CLASS CLASSIFICATION				
1	Harshitha Gowda	Maruti Esteem	Bengaluru	00:02:29.395
2	Kiran V. Gowda	Honda City	Mysuru	00:02:54.779
3	Mekala Kagli	Toyota Prado	Mysuru	00:04:06.570
MYSURU LOCAL OPEN CLASSIFICATION				
1	Ravikiran Gowda	Maruti Esteem	Mysuru	00:02:15.900
2	N.A. Appanna	Maruti Esteem	Mysuru	00:02:23.269
3	R. Varun	Honda City	Mysuru	00:02:24.579
INDIAN OPEN CLASS CLASSIFICATION				
1	K. M. Bopaiah	VW Polo	Kodagu	00:02:05.439
2	C. Druva	Honda City	Bengaluru	00:02:06.443
3	B. G. Den Thimmaiah	Maruti Swift	Kodagu	00:02:09.177
FASTEST DRIVER OF THE DAY				
1	K. M. Bopaiah	VW Polo	Kodagu	00:02:05.439

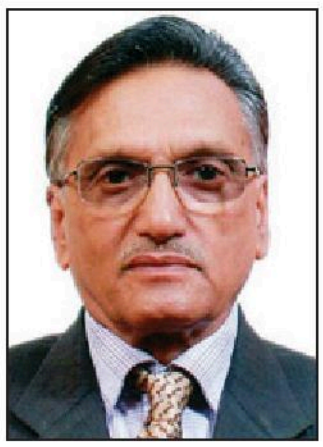
Johnson of JO1 Rallying is seen receiving the Best Turner Trophy along with his team.

Suhem Kabeer, I.B. Nanaiah and Gagan Karumbiah who ended up in first, second and third places in the SUV Open Class Classification are seen posing with their trophies.

City Centre Traffic Muddle-1

"Transport Triangle" — The Crux of the Traffic Problem

A common question that every Bengalurean asks nowadays is, "Have you decided to settle down in Mysuru?" If the answer is 'yes,' then his or her immediate reply is, "This is the best decision you have taken. Bengaluru is gone. Traffic is a nightmare."



Chandra Prakash

Is Mysuru really a paradise for driving on the city roads? When compared to Bengaluru, it is a real song to drive because hardly there are any traffic jams. But can we be complacent about it? The writing is on the wall and if we do not wake up and take proper measures, the day is not far off when we will go the Bengaluru way.

In this write-up, **R. Chandra Prakash** highlights with facts and figures the problems that plague Mysuru traffic, the areas where the traffic muddle is there and also comes out with solutions as to what needs to be done to ease it.—**Editor**

Buses departing in a queue.

A file photo of traffic muddle on D.D. Urs Road.

By R. Chandra Prakash

Recent write-ups in *Star of Mysore* are an indicative of the fact that the city centre traffic problem has caught the attention of concerned citizens. And this augurs well for Mysuru and Mysureans. This will make the People's Representatives of every hue and Officers of every Department to take note of citizens' anguish and to take their responsibilities seriously. What is the nature of City Centre? Who are the main contributors to Traffic Muddle out there?

City Centre: A Commercial Hub

Erstwhile Makkaji Chowk has spawned new and modern commercial establishments around Devaraja Market, on roads such as Sayyaji Rao Road, Dhanvantri Road and the new Devaraj Urs Road. Even the old Dodda Pete, that is, Ashoka Road, Shivarampet and Chamaraja Double road have now become very busy commercial area. Heritage Devaraja Market continues to be the epicentre of city's commercial activities.

A view of the Makkaji Chowk area.

K.R. Hospital Complex in the City Centre has expanded with the establishment of newer Departments and services. It has given rise to a large number of pathological labs and pharmaceutical shops. Being the only large and heritage government hospital in Mysuru District, K.R. Hospital complex attracts exceptionally large number of patients from rural areas apart from city itself. Thus, there is no denying the fact that, despite emergence of new extensions with commercial complexes, city centre continues to be our Commercial Hub. Mysore Master Plan has categorised this area as Central Business District (CBD).

Independent mode of transport

Further, over past decades the number of private vehicles has grown at a very fast rate. Mysuru city has nearly seven lakh vehicles of different categories. Two-wheelers, followed by four-wheelers, constitute a very large chunk of total private vehicles. This indicates citizens' preference to independent mode of transport. Prevalence of concentrated commercial activities within the city centre along with preference to private transport vehicles have certainly resulted in heavy vehicular traffic in the city centre.

However, it would be missing the real problem if we think that the city centre traffic muddle is entirely due to above reasons. Widened roads within the city centre would have provided adequate scope for the smooth flow of the fast increasing private vehicles. The real culprit in the city centre traffic muddle is the emergence of self-constricting "Transport Triangle" within the city centre.

Railway Station, Suburban Bus Station and the City Bus Station are located on three points of a triangle formed by Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road and the Bengaluru - Nilgiri Road. And this is a very narrow triangle in that. The distances between the two angles do not exceed 1.5 km. This is what we would like to identify as "Transport Triangle", which is our own Bermuda Triangle of sort. Most important of all, CBD is located within this triangle ! Let us consider functioning and consequences of this Transport Triangle on the city centre.

Railway Station

Railways run 35 pairs of daily trains (which means daily 70 trains, either departing or arriving at the station), five Weekly trains, three Bi-Weekly trains, and one Weekly train from the station. Every day there are, on an average, 28,000 to 30,000 outgoing passengers; and on an average, 30,000 incoming passengers at the Railway Station. This means that on an average 60,000 passengers are making use of the Railway Station. Not all trains carry same number of passengers. It is mainly the Bengaluru-Mysuru oriented train traffic which account for major chunk of Railway passengers arriving at or departing from the city Railway Station.

Part of arriving passengers would be heading towards Suburban Bus Station to catch their buses to reach their destinations in the rural hinterland. So also, a large number of Railway passengers could be heading to City Bus Station to complete their onward journey to destination, in case they cannot have a city bus at the Railway Station.

Railway passengers make use of buses, autorickshaws, four-wheelers and two-wheelers to arrive at or depart from Railway Station. One can imagine the vehicular traffic generated by the Railway Station on Irwin Road, Jhansi Lakshmi Bai Road and now on KRS Road.

Since the CFTRI side of the Railway Station does not have full service of ticket booking, bus services, etc., major portion of Railway passengers prefer to use the old Railway Office side entrance/exit. This further increased the passenger load on Irwin Road and JLB Road.

Thus, heavy vehicular traffic generated by the Railway Station within this narrow triangle cannot be ignored.

[To be continued]

Union Environment Minister

Dr. Harshavardhan on Mysuru tour

Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan is seen submitting a memorandum to Union Environment and Forests Minister Dr. Harshavardhan requesting him to reserve sufficient budget allotment and timely release of funds to protect BRT Tiger Reserve, Chamarajanagar. The memorandum was submitted during the Union Minister's visit to the Tiger Reserve this morning. Picture right shows Dr. Harshavardhan seeking blessings from Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji during his visit to Suttur Mutt in Mysuru. He was accompanied by his wife Nutan Goel, son Sachin and MP Pratap Simha.

Accounts and Audit Panel to monitor Dasara expenditure

(Continued from page 1)

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep said that all these years, the accounts of Dasara money sanctioned and expenditure list was with the Deputy Commissioner. "To ensure transparency and to see to it that funds are not misused, we have decided to constitute Accounting and Auditing Committees," he said.

"This time, we are centralising Dasara expenditure and all the files, accounts and bills will be stored at the DCs Office.

All money spent will be accounted for and the public can seek information using RTI in case of doubts, the DC said. He added that the decision of constituting the committees was taken at the meeting chaired by Dasara Special Officer and Deputy Commissioner that was held on Aug. 10.

As per the communication by the DC, the Accounting Committee will be headed by Nagaraja Murthy, Chief Accounts Officer, Zilla Panchayat Mysuru who has now been appointed as Dasara Audit Officer. He can be contacted on mobile number 9480873003. Other members of the committee are ZP Auditor G. Sannegowda, ZP Accounts Superintendent Mohan Kumar and Accounts Assistant Raja Nayak.

The Auditing Committee is headed by Siddagangamma, Joint Director, Local Audit Circle, Mysuru. She can be contacted on mobile number 9148539024. Other members of the committee are Auditors from Local Audit Circle, Mysuru Nagashetty, Rangaiah and Krishnanayak.

DG&IGP inspects Police Schools and Police Academy in city

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&VNS) - DG&IGP Rupak Kumar Dutta visited the Police Training School (PTS) located at Jyothinagar, Karnataka Police Academy at Nazarbad and Police Public School on Mahadevapura Main Road in city this morning. The State top cop was received with Guard of Honour at both PTS and KPA.

At PTS, Dutta highlighted the role women police personnel play in empowerment of women and in protection of children and elder citizens.

Later, PTS Principal Dr. Dharani Devi Malagatti handed him a booklet about the training institutions. Addressing officials, the DG&IGP said that Rs. 2.8 crore had been sanctioned by the State Government for civil works and asked the officials to get in touch with Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation Limited and start the construction of the proposed building.

During his visit to the Karnataka Police Academy, he held a meeting with the officials and said that they played an important role in grooming aspiring Police officers and personnel.

Later, he visited the Police Public School and inspected the classrooms, infrastructure and ongoing works. He was also presented a PPT about the school and future plans.

Rupak Kumar Dutta will be visiting Sargur and will stay overnight at Kabini with his family. He will return to Bengaluru tomorrow. City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeshwara Rao, Additional SP N. Rudramuni and other officials were present.

Fake currency note circulation racket

Prime accused gets bail from High Court

Mysuru, Aug. 19- The High Court has granted bail to prime accused Vinod, a resident of Hebbal in Mysuru, who was arrested for his alleged involvement in duping a shop owner by purchasing one kg gold worth paying Rs. 32 lakh in Rs 2,000 fake currency notes.

He was granted conditional bail by Judge Ratnakala asking him to furnish Rs. 1 lakh bond, a guarantee of similar amount, to be present every Tuesday in the Police Station and sign and not to threaten witnesses.

Earlier, the Bengaluru 44th City Civil and Sessions Court had rejected the bail application of Vinod. The Sessions Court had accepted the Public Prosecutor's argument that Vinod had involved himself in the fake note currency racket. This involvement was not only very serious but he was also involved with terrorist organisations and through this activity, he had intentions of disrupting the economic activity, which was a serious threat to the country. The court had accepted the argument and denied him bail.

Vinod later approached the High Court. Mysuru's Pragabhi Law Associates' Advocates S. Arun Kumar and wife Rashmi Arun had represented him.

The advocates had argued that their client was not involved directly in the fake currency racket. He had no intentions of disrupting the economic activity. They were willing to present full argument before the court during trial, the advocates had appealed.

Last year on April 24, Vinod and his associates Hemant and Harish Kumar were accused by gold merchant Dinesh Kumar of Halsoor that they had duped him by purchasing 1 kg gold paying Rs. 32 lakh in fake currency notes.

The Halsoor Gate Police had registered a case in this regard. They had arrested the accused in Mysuru on May 10 based on the mobile call details.

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Mysuru farmers supply vegetables directly to Kerala consumers

Farmer leader Kuruburu Shanthakumar (second from left) of Raitha Mitra Farmers Producers' Company seen during his recent visit to a Horticorp procurement centre in Kerala.

By Pavan Murthy

Though there are many government policies preventing middlemen from exploiting farmers, they have remained in paper without making any difference in local markets. They continue to fleece farmers and pocket most of the profits while farmers return almost empty handed though they toil year-round in their fields.

A silent revolution is happening in Mysuru where fresh vegetables are being shipped to Kerala without the intervention of middlemen and the farmers (growers) call the shots here. Farmers have tied up with **Kerala State Horticultural Products Development Corporation (Horticorp)** for the supply of vegetables and the prices are on the lines with Horticorp.

The initiative is being led by **Raitha Mitra Farmers Producers' Company,** an organisation that is managed by farmers and strives for their welfare. There are about 1,200 farmers and over 225 of them grow vegetables. The company was set up by farmer leader **Kuruburu Shanthakumar** in 2014 and was officially launched in March 2017.

The company intends to provide a market for the crops grown by farmers where there is no involvement of middlemen, provide information about best practices of farming activities, scientific approach to farming and assist farmers in their day-to-day activities.

The vegetables grown by 225 member farmers are purchased by the company as per the rates fixed by **Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC)** and pays for the produce on-the-spot. The company began its activities on March 15 this year and so far it has shipped 1,200 tonnes of vegetables and fruits to the consumers. By supplying vegetables to the company farmers are saving the 10% commission to merchants and 2 kg wastage on 50 kg produce.

On an average, 50 to 60 tonnes of vegetables, sourced from over 225 growers in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, are supplied to Horticorp in Kerala thrice a week after minimal processing, such as cleaning and grading. Cleaning is done through a chemical-free system.

Growers, through the company, are now trying to strike a deal with the Kerala government to formalise the business relationship. Plans are also on cards to purchase vegetables from Kerala and sell it to consumers in Mysuru, said Kuruburu Shanthakumar. "We have already approached APMC authorities to set up a chemical-free vegetable cleaning plant and a fruit ripening plant at Bandipalya APMC Market and have obtained a godown on rental basis at APMC premises," he said.

The shares of the company have been purchased by 1,200 farmers and 25 percent of the total share amount has been invested by the Centre as bonus share. "This has enabled our farmer-based company to obtain loans up to Rs. 1 crore in any bank. Ours is the second company to have obtained this facility from the Centre. In 2016-2017, we have conducted business worth Rs. 2.5 crore," Shanthakumar said.

On the vegetable trade with Kerala, he said that very soon, a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed with the Kerala government to make the deal official. "We had been to Thiruvananthapuram recently with a team of farmers and met Kerala Agriculture Minister V.S. Sunil Kumar and we hope that the deal will be formalised soon," he said.

The team also visited Horticorp's procurement centres at Kollam and Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram to check how vegetables and fruits transported by the company are handled and distributed.

"There, Horticorp bears transportation charges and cleaning and grading charges. The company gets 5% service charge. Interestingly, Horticorp has fixed minimum support price (MSP) for six vegetables to ensure that farmers do not suffer losses in case of price crash," he added.

SUPER-FOOD CHIA

The Raitha Mitra Farmers Producers' Company encourages farmers of Mysuru to produce 'super-food' Chia of South American origin in a large scale and very soon, packaged ready-to-use Chia seeds will enter the retail market.

Kuruburu Shanthakumar said that over 200 farmers are growing the crop in parts of Mysuru district with technical support from the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI). "Chia is a super-food that can be cultivated with less natural resources and it brings good profit. We have already sold 35 tonnes of Chia that has been grown by farmers," he said.

To grow one kg of ragi it requires 750 litres of water and it needs only 600 litres of water to grow the same amount of Chia. Another notable point here is that Chia does not need any fertiliser and a farmer can reap profits up to Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 70,000 per acre, deducting all the expenditure.

"Raitha Mitra Farmers Producers' Company has plans to market 200 grams of Chia containers in the retail market. Chia can be fried and consumed along with the staple upma or can be cooked to prepare various dishes. It is full of proteins and is a good diet supplement," Kuruburu Shanthakumar added.

CII's session with "Women Scientists of ISRO" on Aug.21

Mysuru, Aug.19-The amazing success of the Mangalyaan Mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has brought not only worldwide attention but also national pride and glory. Within an astonishing 15 months from the day it was announced the team at ISRO conceptualised, planned and implemented the mission successfully, sending off the autorickshaw-sized satellite on a journey of 660 million km and 300 days.

The Women Forum of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, has organised a special interactive session with "Women Scientists of ISRO" who were behind India's acclaimed Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) or Mangalyaan Mission, at a programme to be held at L&T Learning Centre in Hebbal Industrial Area, here on Aug. 21 between 3.15 pm and 5.15 pm.

B. P. Dakshayani, Group Director - Flight Dynamics Group; S. Padmasree, Dy. Project Director - Sensors Subsystem; Anatta Sonney, Head - LEO & Interplanetary Orbit Dynamics Section of Flight Dynamics and S. Padmashree, Junior Engineer from ISRO Satellite Centre, Bengaluru, will address and interact with members of CII Mysuru.

Supriya Ramdasi, Convenor, Women Forum, CII Mysuru and COO, Plansee India HPM Pvt. Ltd., will be present. For participation, contact M. K. Kiran on: 9844785965 or email: *kiran.m.k@cii.in,* according to a press release.

Devaraj Urs Memorial Lecture at MYRA on Monday

Mysuru, Aug.19 - Dr. James Manor, Emeritus Professor of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London, will deliver the 2nd edition of the Devaraj Urs Memorial Lecture titled *'Devaraj Urs: Pioneer of Progressive Politics'* on Aug. 21 (Monday) at 10 am at MYRA School of Business in Yelwal. Dr. James Manor is an academic authority on Contemporary Development Politics.

This lecture is held under the aegis of MYRA's Devaraj Urs Centre for Development Studies to celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary of former CM D. Devaraj Urs, a doyen in development politics nationally. MP Dr. M.V Rajeev Gowda will be the chief guest.

'Swachta Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions'

SJCE students take pledge to keep the campus clean

Mysuru, Aug.19 - As part of the novel initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, calling for applications to rank the higher educational institutions based on their cleanliness under *'Swachta Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions,'* JSS Science and Technology University (SJCE) in city has initiated several measures to enhance the cleanliness in the campus.

As part of this process, the students and faculty of the institution took part in the pledge-taking event at SJCE on Aug. 12.

Dr. T. N. Nagabhushan, Principal, SJCE, briefed on the MHRD initiative. Dr. C. G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, explained the various steps that need to be adapted in securing top rank at the national level under the initiative. Administering the pledge to the gathering, he also recalled his efforts in securing first place to Mysuru city when he was the MCC Commissioner.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. G. Sangameshwara, Registrar Dr. K. S. Lokesh and other officials of the University were present. The Department of Environmental Engineering is offering technical leadership in enhancing the cleanliness in the campus.

More than 2,000 students and faculty took the pledge to keep the University premises Smart, Clean and Green.

Elephants force tribal woman to live atop banyan tree in Periyapatna !

The hut built by Latha that has been damaged by wild elephants. She is forced to live atop a nearby banyan tree.

By H.D. Ramesh

Periyapatna, Aug. 19 - While governments run by various political parties boast about several schemes they have launched for the welfare of tribal population and members of backward communities, here is a classic example in Periyapatna where it shows that many government schemes have just remained on paper, without reaching the deserving population.

The story we are narrating here is that of a woman who is forced to live atop a banyan tree as her hut has been ravaged by wild elephants. She has been living like a tree animal since months and her case proves that governments may come and governments may go but nothing changes on ground despite tall claims by elected representatives.

The woman is Latha, wife of late Ganesh of Karadibokke Tribal Hamlet on the border of Doddaharave Reserve Forest in Periyapatna, the Assembly constituency represented by Congress MLA K. Venkatesh, who is the Chairman of Bengaluru Development Authority. And Periyapatna falls in Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's home district of Mysuru.

Latha hails from Jenukuruba tribal community and there are over 22 Jenukuruba tribal families living at Karadibokke. The tribals are living there since the last 65 years and they depend on the meagre food facilities provided by the government. Most of the time, they depend on forest roots and edible forest produce for their living. Some of them visit other nearby villages in search of daily wage work.

Latha's husband Ganesh died four years back owing to illness and she has two children Amulya and Vinu who are studying at the Abbalathi Tribal Ashrama School.

While Amulya is studying in fifth standard, Vinu is studying in the third standard.

As her children were studying, Latha had constructed a hut near the village and had used mud, bamboo, coconut frond, plastic sheets and dry paddy stock as construction material. A few weeks back, a herd of seven elephants surrounded her hut in the night and damaged the walls. She had stocked up some rice, vegetables and fruits inside her hut and the foraging elephants broke the hut's roof and ate the rice and vegetables.

Latha said that she was sleeping when the elephant attack happened and somehow she managed to run away, saving her life. Having no other alternative, Latha built a small shelter-like bamboo structure atop a banyan tree. At present, she cooks her food inside the damaged hut and climbs the banyan tree to sleep after dark. "I can somehow manage and it is very difficult when my children come home. I have to cook food for them and there is a constant danger from wild elephants," Latha says.

Aggrieved Latha

Latha said that she does not have a ration card and the facilities that have been given to other tribals have not reached her yet. "I eat lunch at the place where I go for manual labour and buy rice out of the meagre income I get," she says. Latha adds that other tribals have got ration cards, Aadhaar cards and some of them have even got title deeds for the land on which they have built huts.

Villagers and other tribals claim that the measures taken by the Forest Department including solar fences and boundary trenches to prevent the entry of wild elephants into human habitat have proved futile and elephants roam freely in the area.

The tribal hamlet comes under Naviluru Panchayat and the decision of the Panchayat to lay pipelines to provide drinking water to tribal hamlets was objected by the Forest Department. Still, the Panchayat went ahead and provided water connections, said Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) M.K. Devaraj.

He added that Latha's name was registered as a ration card beneficiary and she was yet to get the ration card from the Food and Civil Supplies Department.

It may be recalled here that *Star of Mysore* **had on Aug. 2 published a similar report titled** *"This man is living atop a Mango Tree since two years."* **The report highlighted the plight of another tribal Gejja, also from Periyapatna, who had made the tree-top his home.**

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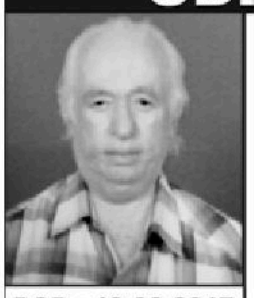
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Pro Kabaddi 2017

Jaipur Pink Panthers score over Bengaluru Bulls

Lucknow, Aug. 19- Jaipur Pink Panthers beat Bengaluru Bulls 30-28 at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in the second match of the Lucknow leg yesterday. Jasvir Singh top-scored with a high-quality Super 10 that featured eight touch points and two bonus points, while One-Man-Army Manjeet Chhillar starred in defence with a high 5 and a total of eight tackle points on his birthday.

The first five minutes saw both teams straying on the side of caution with the raiders mostly relying on bonus points to keep the scoreboard ticking. Chhillar, who was moving gingerly after hurting his knee early on, managed to pick up three tackle points inside the opening seven minutes with strong ankle holds to give the Panthers a 6-2 lead.

The Bulls though began to fight back in the last 10 minutes of the half thanks to some strong and organized defensive work by the southerners as well as the return of their skipper Rohit Kumar to the mat. Kumar, who spent most of the first half on the bench, returned to wreak havoc on Jaipur's defence by helping his team inflict the first All-Out of the game and making it 12-8 in their favour. The inaugural season winners responded immediately with a Jasvir super raid to make it 12-11. It would get better for the Abhishek Bachchan-owned franchise before the break after they registered their first All-Out of the match on Bengaluru in the last minute of the opening period to take a 17-14 lead into the half-time interval.

Jasvir picked up the first raid point of the second half, while Chhillar started the second period in the same way he began the first through an ankle hold. Another ankle hold then brought up the High 5 for the Panthers skipper in the 27th minute.

A textbook dash by Chhillar on Kumar two minutes later meant that Jaipur inflicted a second All-Out of the match on Bengaluru to make it 26-16 and open up a 10-point lead. The last eight minutes of the contest saw the Bulls trying to forge a comeback, cutting down the lead to 27-20 at one stage.

Chhillar tried to nip any hopes of a comeback by Bengaluru in the bud as he successfully sent Bulls skipper Kumar to the bench with five minutes left to play. Kumar, however, returned to the mat shortly after and effected an All-Out on Jaipur to make it 28-29 with a little over 10 seconds remaining.

Bulls almost tied the game by defending with a high line during the last raid in a bid to prevent Jasvir from crossing the baulk line, which would result in a point for them. Jasvir's experience though ensured he managed a touch point in the final raid to cement the win.

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Kodagu Golf Open
Championship teed-off

Kodagu Golfers Association of JWGC President Dr. P.A. Kushalappa is seen teeing-off the Kodagu Golf Open Championship at MRC Golf Course this morning. JWGC President B.M. Nagesh, Captain Dr. Venkatesh Joshi, Hon. Treasurer Dr. S. Prasanna Shankar, Tournament Sub-Committee Chairman S.N. Hemanth, Committee Members H.D. Thimmappa Gowda and M.S. Yeshwanth, Association Treasurer M.B. Nanaiah, Secretary C.B. Changappa and others were present. Around 220 golfers are taking part in the tournament.

Chamundi Run-2017 on Aug. 27

Mysuru, Aug.19- The Palace Sports Club, Mysuru as a part of Independence Day celebrations and National Sports Day Celebrations will be organising Chamundi Run 2017 Road Race on Aug. 27 at 7 am at Ramakrishnanagar Circle. Event will include 2 km run for Higher Primary School Boy and Girsl, 4 km run for High School Boys & Girls. Last date for registration is Aug. 20 and entry is free.

For further details contact Mob: 91649 97757 or 94483 06311. Registration can also be done at: palacesportsclubmysore@gmail.com.

Chief Justice Hombegowda Memorial Football Tournament

St. Philomena's FGC enter last four

Mysuru, Aug.19 - St. Philomena's FGC helped by a goal each by right-out Syed (40th) and centre-forward Tamim (52nd) registered a facile 2-0 win over All India Speech & Hearing Institute (AIISH), Mysuru and entered the semi-final league in the Chief Justice Hombegowda Inter-collegiate Football Tournament 2017 being organised at University Football Grounds here yesterday

Results: Quarter-finals: St. Philomena's FGC 2(Syed 40, Tamim 52) bt AIISH, Mysuru 0, MICA 2 (Sridhar 5, Rakesh 8) bt Yuvaraja's College 0, Kautilya FGC 3 (Hemanth, Jeevan, Steiner) bt PES (Mandya) 1 (Karan) (Full time 0-0, via tie-breaker), De Paul FGC 4 (Naveen, Arun, Nikkam, Muhazin) bt SBRR Mahajana FGC 1 (Nitin Siddu).

Teresian students excel in athletics

Teresian Higher Primary School, Mysuru, students excelled in the Zonal Level athletic meet conducted by Department of Education, here recently. Seen in the picture are (standing from left) Sinchana Suresh (Relay), Suman (600 Mts I Prize, 200 Mts II Prize), Riya (Shot Put I Prize, Discus II Prize), Hithashree (Relay), Swayam (High Jump III Prize), Samarth N Koushik (200 Mts III Prize), Prajwal Naidu (Long Jump III Prize), S. Manikya (100 Mts I Prize, Shotput II Prize, Discus I Prize), R. Harsha Raj (Relay), K. Shwetha (Relay), Lynnya Mary (High Jump I Prize, Long Jump I Prize) and (sitting from left) Physical Education Teacher Ankitha, Headmistress Sr. Spandana and Physical Education Teacher Shivakumar.

NPSI holds inter-school sports competition

Mysuru, Aug. 19- NPSI, Mysore conducted its first inter-NPSI sports competition 'Sportanza 2017' at the school premises in city, recently.

A total of five schools (four from Bengaluru and one from Mysuru) took part in the event which was inaugurated by NPSI Mysuru Principal Shubha Achaiah. Various events like Football, Basketball, Throw ball, Tennis and Swimming were conducted. The Triathlon was a surprise event, which carried extra points for the winning teams. NPS Indiranagar, emerged as the overall champions of the event.

Piyush Goyal visits Palace

Mysuru, Aug.19 (VNS)- Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who was in city on a one-day tour, visited the Mysore Palace last evening.

He was received by Palace Board Deputy Director Dr. T.S. Subramanya, who also felicitated him with a shawl, garland and Mysuru Peta.

The Minister spent about an hour at the Palace and expressed his happiness over the maintenance of the heritage structure thus, in the **Visitors Book:**

"What a wonderful experience! Magnificent Palace, beautifully maintained and delighted to see the enthusiasm of the 'Team' looking after this rich heritage of India. I am sure, everyone who visits the Mysore Palace will remember it all his life. My best wishes to all the people of Mysore and Karnataka."

—Piyush Goyal, 18.8.2017

The Minister was accompanied by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, BJP City President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, General Secretary H.V. Rajeev, BJP leaders Phaneesh, Satish and others.

"Make a pledge to regain 'Clean City top spot' for Mysuru"

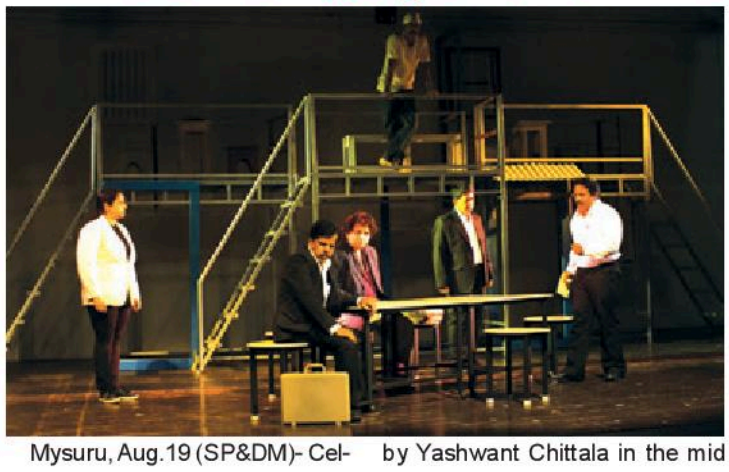
Mysuru, Aug.19 (SBD&NNN)- Union Minister of State for Energy, Piyush Goel asked the citizens of Mysuru to work hard to regain the top spot as the cleanest city in the country, which it had lost this year.

He was speaking after visiting Basavanagudi in Hebbal Colony and interacting with the residents of the Dalit Colony and taking part in the Swachh Bharat and tree planting programme here yesterday afternoon. He said that the people of Mysuru were very soft and good and the city is very clean and green. "The city is in the fifth place this time and it should regain the top spot in 2018. Everyone should take a pledge to achieve this target. If this happens, I will visit your city once again," he said.

A man born into a poor Dalit family, Ram Nath Kovind has become the President of the country today. A tea-seller Narendra Modi has become the Prime Minister of the nation today. Hence, ordinary people are performing extraordinarily well.

The PM is very much aware that because of rampant corruption, the poor are suffering. He has willed his all to fight corruption. People should take a pledge to strengthen the Prime Minister's hands and strengthen the country, he said.

Yashwant Chittala's 'Shikari' at Rangayana on Aug.20, 27



Mysuru, Aug.19 (SP&DM)- Celebrated Novelist Yashwant Chittala's play 'Shikari' will be staged as part of Rangayana's weekend show at Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, in city at **6.30 pm tomorrow (Aug.20).** Announcing this at a press meet at Rangayana's P. Lankesh Gallery this morning, Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam said that the play *Shikari,* based on a novel written by Yashwant Chittala in the mid 1970s, is a present day suspense thriller, set in the Multi-National Corporate world, with honey traps. Sabotage, chemical fire tragedy, corporate fraud and even irresponsible journalism. The play is also about the varieties of caste identity, professional rivalry and career, she said.

The play will also be staged at the same venue **at 6.30 pm on Aug.27.** The play is adapted and directed by **Prakash Belawadi** *(in pic)* with stage design by H.K. Dwarakanath, costume design by Sankeerthi Hypanjiguli and light by Mahesh Kallatti, she said.

Continuing, Bhagirathi Bai Kadam said, the Rangayana will host College Rangotsava during Dasara in order to lure the youth towards the theatre. As part of Rangotsava, the Rangayana will stage four plays — *Krishnegowdana Aane, Kattale Belaku, Checkurate* and *Ahalya,* she added.

'Shikari' play stage managers S. Ramu and Krishna Prasad, Associate Director V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy, Publicity Managers Prashanth Hiremath and M.S. Geetha were present during the press meet.

Mysore Varsity AO
Prof. Ramaswamy resigns

Mysuru, Aug. 19- University of Mysore Administrative Officer (AO) Prof. C. Ramaswamy has resigned from his post, here yesterday. Prof. Ramaswamy, who was holding the post of AO from 2014, has resigned being fed up due to internal issues.

C. Ramaswamy

"I had won the confidence of the teaching, non-teaching staff, research scholars, students, the cleaning and the security staff of the University and discharged the duties to the best of my ability transparently, bringing about changes in. However, the internal developments of late in the University have brought me great pain and dissatisfaction. Hence, I am resigning," he has stated in his resignation letter to the Vice-Chancellor.

D.Ed/ B.Ed mandatory for teachers of schools

Bengaluru, Aug. 19 (US)- The Department of Public Instruction has, in a press release, warned private aided schools of strict legal action if they appoint teachers without minimum eligible qualification. The warning has come when incidents of such schools appointing teachers without minimum qualification for a lower salary have come to light.

The Department is determined to take steps to terminate the services of such teachers. Those teachers who have been employed at Government and private aided schools should register compulsorily with National Institution of Open School before Sept. 15. Professional training is mandatory with D.Ed or B.Ed qualification for teachers.

However, in the context of an increase in the number of untrained teachers, the decision to make training compulsory has been taken in the interest of students, stated the press release.

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30th Day Remembrance

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WORD OF THE DAY

Crepuscular

Pronunciation: krih-PUHSS-kyuh-ler.

Meaning: Of, relating to, or resembling twilight; occurring or active during the twilight.
Example: After dinner they went out on the terrace for a look at the moon through the crepuscular whiteness.
Origin: The early Romans had two words for the twilight. Crepusculum was favoured by Roman writers for the half-light of evening, just after the sun sets; it is a diminutive formation based on their word for "dusky," which is creper. Diluculum was reserved for morning twilight, just before the sun rises—it is related to lucidus, meaning "bright." We didn't embrace either of these Latin nouns as substitutes for our Middle English twilight, but we did form the adjective crepuscular in the 17th century. At first, it only meant "dim" or "indistinct," often used in a figurative sense. In the 1820s, we added its special zoological sense, describing animals that are most active at twilight.

THE ODD WORD

Panoply

A complete set.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bats in the belfry

Meaning: Crazy; eccentric.
Origin: Bats are, of course, the erratically flying mammals and 'belfries' are bell towers, sometimes found at the top of churches. 'Bats in the belfry' refers to someone who acts as though he has bats careering around his topmost part, that is, his head. It has the sound of a phrase from OldeEnglande and it certainly has the imagery to fit into any number of Gothic novels based in English parsonages or turreted castles. In fact, it comes from the USA and is not especially old. All the early citations are from American authors and date from the start of the 20th century; for example, this piece from the Ohio newspaper The Newark Daily Advocate, October 1900:
"To his hundreds of friends and acquaintances in Newark, these purile [sic] and senseless attacks on Hon. John W. Cassingham are akin to the vaporings of the fellow with a large flock of bats in his belfry." Ambrose Bierce, also American, used the term in a piece for Cosmopolitan Magazine, in July 1907, describing it as a new curiosity: "He was especially charmed with the phrase 'bats in the belfry', and would indubitably substitute it for 'possessed of a devil', the Scriptural diagnosis of insanity."

QUOTE BOX

Rare as is true love, true friendship is rarer.

—Jean de La Fontaine

RIDDLE THIS

I have got three eyes and all are in a straight line. When my red eye opens, everything freezes. Who am I?

Answer: A Stoplight.

SUDOKU

					4		8	
4			5	7			1	
2	1			3				
6		4	1					
8				9				7
					8	1		3
				8			3	5
	9			5	2			1
	8		9					

Answer to previous puzzle

1	7	4	6	8	9	2	5	3
8	5	6	2	1	3	9	4	7
3	2	9	4	5	7	6	8	1
9	8	7	3	2	5	1	6	4
4	6	5	9	7	1	3	2	8
2	1	3	8	6	4	7	9	5
7	9	1	5	4	6	8	3	2
5	3	8	7	9	2	4	1	6
6	4	2	1	3	8	5	7	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

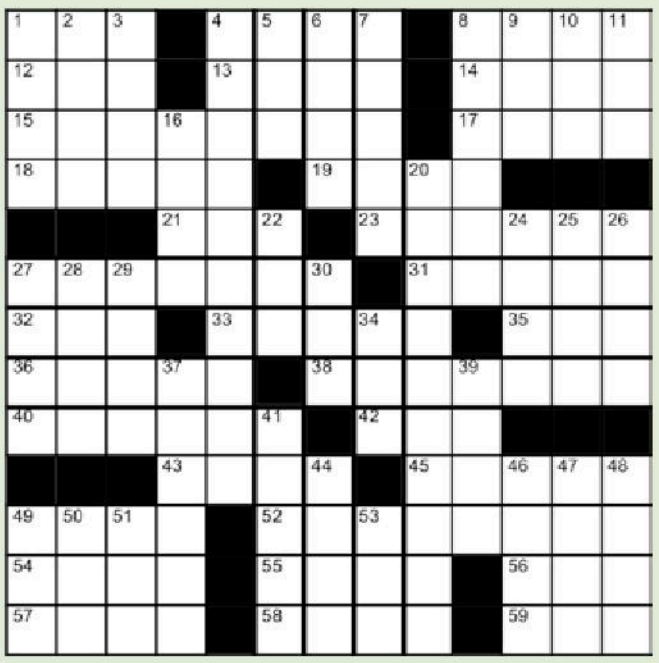
1 Sys. and Research Centre
4 Stare or ogle at
8 Irish parliament
12 Calorie in short
13 A Welsh boy's name
14 Disturb or irk
15 Fearless
17 The Americans call these animals 'moose'
18 Formal title for a married woman
19 "Road" anagram for a girl's name?
21 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
23 Negligent
27 Stand-in deputies for kings
31 Play carelessly on a stringed instrument
32 Move or advance as if by rowing
33 Worth, deserve
35 Single and undivided
36 Establish the truth or validity of
38 Reachable targets for available guns are thus (2,5)
40 It may be steam ___ or internal combustion ___?
42 Dev Anand thriller of yore
43 System of worship or devotion
45 Sets up a temporary stopping or sleeping place?
49 This tawny cat-like animal can leap 20 ft. into the air
52 Two-humped camel
54 Russian potentate
55 Siouan Indian
56 Sgt., e.g.
57 Containers or receptacles
58 Conjurer's tool
59 Condensed drop of moisture seen on wintry mornings

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

P	O	M	P	■	A	R	A	L	■	T	H	Y
A	D	A	R	■	A	O	N	E	■	R	E	S
T	E	L	E	P	H	O	N	E	B	I	L	L
H	A	I	F	A	■	F	A	C	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	I	R	S	■	■	H	A	R	P	S
■	T	A	X	I	C	A	B	■	S	A	L	E
P	A	L	■	S	U	T	R	A	■	M	A	N
A	C	U	T	■	T	H	E	R	A	P	Y	■
C	O	M	I	C	■	■	R	U	B	■	■	■
■	■	■	D	A	U	B	■	B	A	N	T	U
I	N	T	E	R	R	O	G	A	T	O	R	S
W	O	E	■	I	D	L	I	■	I	D	E	E
O	W	E	■	B	U	L	B	■	S	E	E	R

DOWN

1 Foam or froth on the surface of a liquid
2 Frog genus - "anar" change?
3 ___ in : dressed in or wearing?
4 Teutonic bill-of-fare (6,4)
5 Ms Gardner
6 Gave compensation for
7 Witch town - "Doner" anagram?
8 ___ up : imagined or invented?
9 Be sick or unwell
10 Class or kind
11 French article
16 Lot, kismet
20 Cramped; kept under control
22 Red Indian tribe
24 ___ out: remove difficulties etc.?
25 Warbled or intoned
26 The friendly pirate in 'Peter Pan'
27 ___ trick : what foreigners expect to see in our oriental country even today?
28 Win or acquire through hard work and efforts
29 Drink of spirit, especially rum, and water
30 __ Lanka : our southerly neighbour?
34 Ind. Natl. Congress
37 Church officials
39 Hebrew month
41 Arm joint
44 Good-bye - from famous Indian business house?
46 ___ Your Language : famous British TV serial?
47 Walking speed?
48 Fall in the winter
49 Printed Circuit Board, abbr.
50 Israeli submachine gun
51 To a ___ : with no exception?
53 Informally swindle



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UD LWD UTLS UD ZWDSDEB SX GD, KX UD YCKS

GD MLWDICQ UTLS UD ZWDSDEB SX GD

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Most people would rather be certain they're miserable than risk being happy.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kaafi Thota	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mass Leader	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Thatana Thiti Mommagana Prastha			
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
First Love	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Kadhal	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raj Vishnu	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Prachandi	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Operation Alamelamma	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Maarikondavaru	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
Paaru I Love You	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
TAMIL			
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
TELUGU			
Duvvada Jagannadham	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
LIE	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
Nene Raju Nene Mantri	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Taramani	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
....	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
....	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Bareilly Ki Barfi (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am, 4.40 pm, 7.15
Kaafi Thota (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 7.00 pm
Maarikondavaru (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Viceroy's House (E)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Bobby (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Vikram Vedha (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Anando Brahma (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Annabelle: Creation (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 3.50 pm, 5.50
		7.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Operation Alamelamma (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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Annabelle: Creation (E)	(S-1)	12.35 pm, 2.55, 5.15 pm
		7.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Viceroy's House (E)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 5.10 pm
Bareilly Ki Barfi (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am; (S-4) 9.40 pm
	(S-3)	12.10 pm, 2.40, 7.20 pm
Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.05 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Kadhal (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Maarikondavaru (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Kaafi Thota (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Bobby (Ma)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Nene Raju Nene Mantri (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON SUNDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Raitarige Salahe, 6.45 Sponsored Prog., 7.15 Bhavageete, 8.30 Radio Doctor, 10.00 Keli Giligale, 10.15 Jenkara, 10.30 Makkala Mantapa, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.00 noon Music Recital, 1.00 pm Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.40 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Vaarada Atithi, 4.00 Vaarada Cinema, 6.45 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Vijnana Bharati, 9.16 Bhajans, 9.30 Akhila Bharata Ravivarada Sangeetha Sabha.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG.19)

Mysuru Ratna Samskrutika Pratishtana: Seminar on 'Swatantrya mattu Samvidhanada Ashayagalu' and book release — Poorigali Maradesha Murthy's 'Kanna Putaputagalali' — by Seetasuta Trust (Mandya) Trustee K.S. Shreekantaswamy, retd. Principal of Maharani's Arts College S.J. Vasudevan inaugurates, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story telling by Panditharadhya, retd. Professor in Kannada, University of Mysore, Mysuru, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Nanagyako Doubtu,' Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Annual Youth Fair - Suresh Mohan Memorial Nadakishorotsava, Violin solo by Srikanth Radhakrishnan, accompanied by Nikshit Puttur on mridanga, **5 pm to 6.15 pm;** Vocal recital by Anjana P. Rao, accompanied by Srikanth Radhakrishnan on violin and Nikshith Puttur on mridanga, **6.20 pm to 7.35 pm;** Vocal concert by R. Sindhu, accompanied by Srikanth Radhakrishnan on violin and Nikshith Puttur on mridanga, Mini Hall of the Sabha, JLB Road, **7.40 pm to 8.55 pm.**

Gokulam Kodava Sangha: Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and get-together, Sangha President Wg. Cdr. (retd.) Mundumada D. Aiyanna presides, Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar 1st stage, **5 pm.**

Dr. D. Rajagopal Rao and Desiraju family of Desiraju Trust: D.V. Narasimha Rao lecture series, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India Arvind Subramanian delivers a lecture on 'The Indian Economy: Some Issues,' Seminar Hall, AIISH, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**

RAAGA Music Academy: Third anniversary celebrations, Swara Raaga Sudha - A grand musical ensemble by Sangeetha Vidyanidhi Dr. Vidyabhushana and troupe, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga, Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan on violin, Vid. Sameer Rao on flute, Vid. H.P. Srinivasan on sitar, Vid. Sangeet Thomas on keyboard, Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Vid. S. Nagaraju on tabla and Vid. H.L. Ananthakrishnaswamy on rhythmpad, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Music concert by Vidu. Bharathi Ramsubban, accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Krishna Prakash on violin, Vid. P. Nataraj on mridanga and Vid. P. Shyam on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

Suttur Mutt: Shravana month, Mass prayers, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Gubbi Mallannaarya's Veerashaivamrutha Purana' by Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Vaachana by Dr. K. Ramachandra, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Sri Krishna Jayanti Music Festival, Flute recital by Vidu. Amith Nadig, accompanied by K.T. Udaykiran (violin), A. Radhesh (mridanga) and Raghunandan Vyasarao (ghata), Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji talks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers: Lecture on 'Translocation of Tipu's Armoury' by SWR Deputy Chief Engineer-Construction K. Ravichandran, IEI Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary West, Mysuru: 18th Shravana Yuva Sangeethotsava, AIR Asst. Director H. Srinivasa inaugurates, Rotary Mysore West President Rtn. C.S. Ravi Shankar presides, prize distribution to the winners of various music contests, **6 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Vidu. Deepa Rao (vocal), C.V. Shruthi (violin) and Vid. V.R.R. Bharghav (mridanga), Rotary West auditorium, opp. Kamakshi Hospital, **7 pm.**

Bharatadvaya Foundation and Kala Sandesha Pratishtana: 'Bhavaikya Bharati-2017,' Dr. Bannanje Govindacharya inaugurates and talks on 'India and Indian Culture,' Nrutyalaya Trust President Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra chief guest, Music University VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar presides, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Mysuru and Indian Institute of Architects, Mysuru chapter: Award presentation to architects in city to recognise their talent and for their contribution to the construction industry, Country Inn and Suites, Hebbal, **6.30 pm.**

Anukarana: Valedictory of theatre training camp, Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam presides, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Dr. J. Shashidhar Prasad, B.M. Ramachandra of Rajeshwari Vastralankara, journalist K. Deepak, Anukarana President Vijay Kumar chief guests; Staging of play 'Bonige Biddavaru' directed by Jeevan Kumar B. Heggodu, Sri Kuvempu Ranga Mandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 20)

Gayatri Vipra Sangha: Sri Ganapati Homa, Navagraha Homa, Gayatri Homa, Mass Lalitha Sahasranama Puja, felicitation and Pratibha Puraskar presentation ceremony, B.N. Rao auditorium, next to Ratnagarbha Ganapati Temple, Hunsur Main Road, Hootagalli, **7 am onwards.**

Bharata Vikasa Parishad, Bharadwaj Branch, Mysuru: Group Singing Contest and 'Bharat Ko Jaano' Quiz Contest-2017, well-known Gamaki K. Ramachandra chief guest, Bharata Vikasa Parishad Bharadwaj Branch-Mysuru President Dr. B.N. Ranganatha Rao presides, **9.30 am;** Valedictory and prize distribution, K.P. Pradyumna of RSS chief guest, Gnanodaya PU College Principal Srikanta Sharma distributes prizes, Gnanodaya PU College, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**

Mysore Photographic Association: World Photographers Day, photo exhibition, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **10 am to 5 pm.**

Manthana-Mysuru and Swadeshi Jagaran manch - Mysuru: Interactive session on 'Confronting various challenges posed by China,' Prof. Ashwani Mahajan, Associate Professor of Economics, Delhi University; Economist & Writer, National Co-Convenor, Swadeshi Jagaran Manch, speaks, Skanray Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Mysuru) Founder and MD Vishwaprasad Alva presides, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **10 am.**

Mysuru Zilla Balija Samaja: Sri Kaivara Thathaiah's Guruvandana programme and Pratibha Puraskar persentation, Swamiji Yukteshanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama inaugurates, Minister M.R. Seetharam presides, Chinnamma Chennabasappa Kalyana Mantapa, Lokaranjan Mahal Road, Ittigegud, **10 am.**

JSS Polytechnic for Women Alumni Association: Bhavageetha Competition for High School girl students of city and for Sangeetha Shala students, JSS Women's Polytechnic premises, **10 am.**

District Administration: Former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs' 102nd birth anniversary celebration, PWD and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA Vasu presides, advocate D.K. Krishnaraje Urs main speaker, Kalamandira, **10.30 am.**

All-India Anglo-Indian Association (AIAIA), Mysuru Branch: Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), Vinisha Nero, MLA and Governing Body Member, chief guest, Railway Institute, near Rail Museum, **10.30 am.**

Mysore District Travel Owners Multi-purpose Co-operative Society, Saraswathipuram: Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), Chikkamma Chikaningegowda Function Hall, No.212, Vishwa Jyothi Road, opposite Jyothi School, Nimishambanagar, **10.30 am.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Shopping Festival-2017, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road: Annual Youth Fair - Suresh Mohan Memorial Nadakishorotsava, Vocal concert by R.S. Akshata, accompanied by Krithik Kaushik on violin and R.Srinidhi on mridanga, **10.30 am to 11.45 am;** Veena performance by Vinayak Vaidyanathan, accompanied by R.Srinidhi on mridanga, **11.50 am to 1.05 pm;** Vocal recital by Bhumika Madhusudan, accompanied by Krithik Kaushik on violin and Pavan Madhav Masur on mridanga, **5 pm to 6.15 pm;** Vocal concert by H.S. Bhavya, accompanied by Krithik Kaushik on violin and Pavan Madhav Masur on mridanga, Mini Hall, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, **6.20 pm to 7.35 pm.**

Sri Sri Jagajyoti Basaveshwara Akkamahadevi Seva Pratishtana, Mysuru: Felicitation to State-level achievers of various fields, Kuchipudi, Music, Vachana recital and Kavigoshti, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji will grace the occasion, SSJBASP and Karnataka Rajya Mahila Asare Mantapa State President H.M. Akkamahadevi presides, felicitation address by writer Maleyuru Guruswamy, retd. Police Commissioner Jyothi Prakash Mirji and writer Prof. Malali Vasanthakumar chief guests, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **4 pm.**

Book Launch: Mary Nell Portero's "Love, Lunacy and Other Voices from the Night," Banquet Hall, The Roost, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt: 38th Chaturmasya Vratam of Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt Pontiff Sri Vidyesha Teertha Swamiji, 'Harinama Sankeerthana' by Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Thonachikoppal, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Telugu Samskritika Samithi: AGM, Kuchipudi 'Telugu Vaibhavam' by Guru Dr. Saraswathi Rajathesh and team from Bengaluru, Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Lalitha Mahal Road, **5 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Sri Krishna Jayanti Music Festival, Sri Atmajnanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama will distribute prizes, DC D. Randeep chief guest, felicitation to senior artistes R.K. Padmanabha, K. Ramachandra, Mysore V. Subramanya and M.L. Bharathi, **5.30 pm;** Vocal concert by Vid. R.K. Padmanabha, accompanied by B.K. Raghu (violin), H.L. Shivashankaraswamy (mridanga) and Vid. S. Ramesh (morching), Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Nityasthanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary West, Mysuru: 18th Shravana Yuva Sangeethotsava, Karnatak Classical Instrumental — flute duet by Vid. Heramba and Vid. Hemanth, accompanied by Vid. Achyutha Rao on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga, Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Rotary West auditorium, opp. Kamakshi Hospital, **6 pm.**

Sneha Vrunda: Independence Day celebrations, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama's Mysuru Head Swami Atmajnanandaji, SP Ravi D. Channannavar, DCP (Law and Order) N. Vishnuvardhana and Corporator Rajini Annaiah will felicitate the ex-servicemen, cultural programmes, magic show and rendering of patriotic songs will follow, ground located next to Maulana Azad College, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Teacher's Layout, **6 pm.**

Bharatadvaya Foundation and Kala Sandesha Pratishtana: 'Bhavaikya Bharati-2017,' Interaction on 'Indian Culture - Art - Artists,' Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Dr. Jyoti Shankar and Vidu. Rajalakshmi Sridhar will be present, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

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